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SUBJECT: PHOTOS OF RETURN OF AFO-A-KOM

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1. HAPPY DEVELOPMENT* EMBASSY POUCHING TO AF/C (SIEFKEN(FOR TRANSMITTAL TO NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC NINE ROLLS COLOR FILM TAKEN BY EVAN SCHNEIDER ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO AT ANNUAL KOM DANCE FESTIVAL AT LAIKOM. THIS WAS FIRST CELEBRATION SINCE RETURN OF AFO-A-KOM. (STATUE WAS NOT SHOWN, NOR HAS IT BEEN SINCE THE RETURN DECEMBER 11. POSSIBILITY THAT STATUE WILL BE SHOWN IN MONTH OR TWO, BUT THIS IS REPORTEDLY DECISION FOR KOM SECRET SOCIETY TO MAKE). SCHNEIDER SAYS FESTIVAL WAS "FANTASTIC" AND HE THINKS NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN CONNECTION WITH AFO-A-KOM STORY.

2. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, QUESTION OF ATTEMPTING RECOVER PREVIOUSLY CONFISCATED PHOTOS FORTUNATELY BECOMES MOOT. THEY WERE OF A SMALL DANCE IN LAIKOM SEVERAL DAYS AFTER STATUE RETURNED, A MINOR EVENT QUITE SURPASSED BY NEW ONES.

3. IN ADDITION IMPRESSIVE DANCE FESTIVAL CITED PARA 1, ANNUAL KOM ARTS FESTIVAL HELD IN FUNDONG SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. OUR INFORMANTS SAY THIS WAS COMMERCIAL, PEDESTRIAN STUFF AND UNRELATED TO STATUE. PCV'S KINZELMAN AND HOMEYER ATTENDED.

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4. WE UNDERSTAND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC AND NEW YORK TIMES HAD
COMBINED ARRANGEMENT, WITH GEOGRAPHIC TO PROCESS FILM
AND PERMIT NYT TO SELECT CERTAIN ONES FOR DISTRIBUTION
THROUGH WORLD-WIDE PHOTO SERVICE. PHOTOS BEING POUCHED
THEREFORE HOPEFULLY WILL SATISFY BOTH ORGANIZATIONS. IF NOT,
IT WON'T BE BECAUSE ANY KEY PHOTOS CONFISCATED BY GURC.
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